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SUBJECT: LOS: UN CONFERENCE ON THE LAW OF THE SEA

1. AMBASSADOR EVENSEN ADVISED ECONOMIC OFFICER IN CONFIDENCE THAT HE PLANS WRITE TO LOS FIGURES LISTED BELOW TO SUGGEST THAT THEY MEET IN NEW YORK BETWEEN NOVEMBER 20 AND DECEMBER 12, 1973. GROUP WOULD TRY TO MOVE ALONG PREPARATIONS FOR THE LOS CONFERENCE AND FACILITATE THE WORK OF THE LOS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING IN DECEMBER DURING THE UNGA. EVENSEN IS CONCERNED ABOUT SLOW PACE OF PREPARATIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE AND WISHES TO DO EVERYTHING PRACTICABLE TO AVOID ITS POSTPONEMENT. GROUP COULD ALSO MEET DURING ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING IN DECEMBER AND CARRY ON AFTER ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING IF FURTHER WORK IS NEEDED TO ENSURE SUCCESS OF LOS CONFERENCE AND AVOID DELAYS.

2. EVENSEN ADVISES HE SPOKE INFORMALLY ABOUT THIS IDEA TO
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THOSE REPRESENTATIVES AT THE RECENT LOS PREPARATORY

MEETING IN GENEVA WHOM HE PLANS TO INVITE TO JOIN THE GROUP. REACTION WAS GENERALLY FAVORABLE, AND HE NOW WISHES PUT HIS PLAN IN ACTION. HE HOPES US WILL SUPPORT HIM AND WILL ACTIVELY URGE OTHERS TO DO SO. LETTER TO STEVENSON SHOULD GO OUT SHORTLY.

3. EVENSEN HAS SELECTED GROUP ON BASIS OF ABILITY. HE HAS NOT NECESSARILY ATTEMPTED ACHIEVE BALANCE IN GROUP BETWEEN DIFFERING POSITIONS OR GEOGRAPHIC AREAS. FOR EXAMPLE, HE HAS NOT INCLUDED THE BRITISH OR FRENCH WHOSE REPRESENTATIVES HE CONSIDERS HAVE BEEN SINGULARLY INEPT, AND HE CONSIDERS BEESLEY THE WEAKEST MEMBER OF THOSE HE HAS INCLUDED. EVEN SO HE CONSIDERS THAT DIFFERING POINTS OF VIEW AND DIFFERENT GEOGRAPHIC AREAS ARE SUFFICIENTLY REPRESENTED ON GROUP AND THAT THE OBVIOUS ABILITY AND EXPERTISE OF GROUP ARE SUCH THAT IT WILL SERVE AS A SORT OF STEERING BODY FOR PREPARATIONS FOR THE LOS CONFERENCE AND PERHAPS FOR THE CONFERENCE ITSELF.

4. LIST OF MEMBER GROUP TO WHOM EVENSEN PLANS TO WRITE FOLLOWS:

YANKOV - BULGARIA
HARRY - AUSTRALIA
STEVENSON - USA
CHLESTOV - USSR
CASTANEDA - MEXICO
WARIOBA - TANZANIA
JAGOTA - INDIA
YASSEEN - IRAK
ODA - JAPAN
SANTA CRUZ - CHILE
BALLAH - TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
PINTO - SRI LANKA
BEESLEY - CANADA
AGUILAR - VENEZUELA
NJENGA - KENYA
JAYAKUMAR - SINGAPORE
ABDEL -HAMID - EGYPT
EVENSEN - NORWAY
AND POSSIBLY LOS EXPERTS OF INDONESIA, PHILIPPINES.
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5. EVENSEN ALSO SAID IN STRICT CONFIDENCE THAT SANTA CRUZ OF CHILE HAD TALKED TO HIM ABOUT SHIFTING THE SITE OF THE LOS MEETING DURING 1974 TO VIENNA AND THEN COMING BACK TO SANTIAGO IN 1975. SANTA CRUZ IS CONCERNED THAT UNREST IN CHILE WILL LEAD TO DEMAND FOR CHANGE IN CONFERENCE VENUE, BUT HOPES TO LIMIT SHIFT TO 1974 SESSION SO THAT EVENTUAL LOS CONVENTION COULD STILL BE CONCLUDED IN 1975 IN CHILE

AFTER UNREST HAD SUBSIDED AND WOULD THEN BE CALLED THE SANTIAGO CONVENTION. EVENSEN IS CONCERNED ALSO THAT UNREST IN CHILE WILL DISRUPT CONFERENCE. HE HAS SOUNDED OUT AUSTRIANS ABOUT VIENNA, BUT UNDERSTANDS ALL APPROPRIATE CONFERENCE FACILITIES BOOKED SO HE IS NOW CONSIDERING GENEVA.

6. DEPARTMENT VIEWS ON STEERING GROUP AND VENUE OF CONFERENCE WOULD BE APPRECIATED. BUCHANAN

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